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I. NEW ACTIVITIES

a. Three case histories, inclusive of one new one, were reviewed with [redacted] Chief Instructor of Phase II, and the three instructors, Messrs. [redacted] in order to establish proper treatment of them in seminar sessions. The case histories involved ([redacted] and Case "D") are used in connection with treatment of the agent investigation process, e.g. Spotting, Investigation, Selection, and Recruitment. They will, in the future, be used only in relation to these four subjects, serving as illustrative material rather than Tradecraft or Operational practices in general. Particular emphasis is to be placed on the "positive" approach to be taken by instructors in their treatment of the material with students, rather than a more critical review of it.

b. In line with recent persistent student critiques, as well as [redacted] suggestion with reference to the volume of written work in Phase II, and the pressure and long hours which are the direct result of required written work, the following are to be undertaken for the next running of the course:

1. The written work is being reduced to three major papers.
2. The briefing on these papers, particularly the "Casing" paper, is to be most specific as to points to be covered.
3. Class and working rooms are to be closed by midnight.

It is hoped that these three steps will bring about a correction of what has been most consistently criticized.

II. OLD ACTIVITIES

[redacted] spent several days with Phase III at Headquarters as a start in familiarizing themselves with the material to be taken over by them. [redacted] has actively started work on [redacted] The re-write of another case history, is continuing and this case should be ready for use in Phase II in about three weeks.

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